

Dear Scientific Computing Division members,

It has been a month since I assumed the role of Scientific Computing Division head, so I would like to take the opportunity of this “anniversary” to communicate to you a few organizational changes that are about to take effect. Of course, we will also have the opportunity to discuss things in greater detail at the next all-hands meeting in November.

SCD has been exceedingly successful in delivering world-class computing services, operations and software engineering support to Fermilab-based experiments, CMS, and the HEP community at large. In order to even better serve the needs of our user community, we are organizing SCD activities across three major areas: R&D and Architecture, Facilities, and Science Workflows and Operations. Contributions to these areas cross line organization boundaries and require coordination across SCD quadrants. Therefore, we are introducing three coordinator positions that function outside the individual quadrant management lines to maximize planning as well as execution efficiency and coordination and to ensure that we obtain a holistic view of crosscutting topics. The first three coordinators will be Jim Kowalkowski (R&D and Architecture), Burt Holzman (Facilities), and Oli Gutsche (Science Workflows and Operations). They all have excellent track records in their respective areas and have demonstrated the ability to operate across their boundaries.

I would also like to announce Adam Lyon as the new head of the Systems for Scientific Applications quadrant. Adam served as the deputy head of the Scientific Services quadrant, and his strong technical skills and experience will bring a fresh perspective to SSA. In addition, we are in the process of making small changes in the line organization to improve alignment with the major activity areas and to combine groups with similar functions. A few of these changes have been already finalized and will be reflected in the next organization chart update. The most notable of these changes is the merging of the Electronic Systems Engineering and Real-time Software Infrastructure departments under Kurt Biery.

Finally, I would like to express to you how excited I am to have the opportunity to work with all of you in my new capacity. SCD has a very strong team of people, and thanks to the vision and hard work of Rob and of Vicky before him, the organization is in excellent shape. I am very confident that we will continue along this path of success and have fun in the process.

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